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1. THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS IN REFTEL.
A. COMBATTING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC- IT IS OUR VIEW THAT COMBATTING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC CONTINUES TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY OF THE GOP, THOUGH WELL BELOW THE PRIORITES OF THIS STILL-NEW DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RELIEVING THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND, MOST RECENTLY, TERRORISM. THE OVER-ALL PRIORITY TO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING BY LAW ENFORCEMTNE AGENCIES HAS PROBALBY DECLINED SLIGHTLY OVER THE LAST YEAR DUE TO A RISING INSTANCE IN TERRORIRSM.
B. GOP COMMITMENT.- THE GOP HAS FREQUENTLY STATED ITS INTENTION TO COMBAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND THE OVER-PRODUCTION OF COCA THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ENFORCEMENT EFFORT, THOUGH SPORADIC IN SOME REGIONS, REACH TO ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.
C.- GOP DEPENDENCE ON US AIR.- GOP EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS NARCOTICS TRAFFIC WOULD ONCITUE WITHOUT US ASSITANCE, THOUGH ON A LOWER LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. FOR COCA ERADICATION EFFORTS, U.S. OR OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCE IS ESSENTIAL: WE BELEIVE THE GOP, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS RESOURCES, WILL PROVIDE THE MANPOWER FOR TH ERDAICTION OF COCA PLANTATIONS IN NEW REGIONS WITHOUT U.S. ECONOMIC ASSITANCE, RELYING PRIMARILY ON ENFORCEMTN AGENCIES. REGIONS NOW IMPORTANT FOR COCA PRODUCTION (UPPER HUALLAGA, CUZCO, AYACUCHO, LA LIBERTAD, AND PUNO) HAVE DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS OF LAND TENURE, POPULATION, AND HISTORY AND A REGION-SPECIFIC POLICY MUST BE DESIGNED FOR EACH. OUR TENETATIVE BELIEF IS THAT CUZCO AND LA LIBERTAD, AS TRADITIONAL AREAS OF COCA CULTIVATION, WILL PROBABLY RESPOND BEST TO A REGULATED AND ENFORCED SYSTEM OF LICIT COCA GROWING FOR THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MARKET. AYACUCHO AND PUNO APPEAR MORE SIMILAR TO THE UPPER HUALLAGA AND A JOINT DEVELOPMENT/ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM THER MAY BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF RELIEVING THE PROBLES. IT IS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN COMPARISON WITH THE UPPER HUALLAGA, AYACUCHO, PUNO, AND CUZCO COCA-GROWING AREAS ARE OF DIFFICULT ACCESS.
D.- COCA CLAUSE.- WE BELIEVE THAT GOP IS WELL AWARE THAT COCA CULTIVATION WILL NOT BE PERMISSIBLE IN PROJECT AREAS RECEIVING U.S. ASSISTNACE.
E.- COCA ERADICATION TIMETABLE.-WE PLAN TO HAVE THE ILLICIT COCA CULTIVATION IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA LARGELY UNDER CONTROL BY THE END OF CY 1983 AND THER ERADICATION EFFORT COMPLETED BY THE END OF CY 1985. WE WOULD HOPE TO BEGIN TO TRANSFER CONTROL CONTROL AND ERADICATION RESOURCES FROM THE UPPER HUALLAGA TO A SECOND PRIOTIY AREA (PROBABLY AYACUCHO) IN 1984. AT THE SAME TIME, WE PLAN TO UNDERTAKE A MONITORING EFFORT TO DETECT THE DIVERSION OF COCA GROWING TO NEW AREAS. THE MOST LIKELY NEW AREAS FOR PRODUCTION ARE THE ALTO MAYO RIVER NEAR THE CITIES OF TARAPOTO AND MOYOBAMBA, THE UPPER MARANON RIVER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CAJAMARCA AND AMAZONS, AND THE RIO PACHITEA REGION IN HUANUCO AND PASCO DEPARTMENTS. THE ALTO MAYO AND RIO PACHITA REGIONS ARE WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO RIO APIDE PROJECT AREAS AND EARLY DETECTION AND CONTROL WILL BE FACILITATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES UNFLODING IN THOSE REGIONS. NO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS IN COCA-GROWING AREAS OTHER THAN THE UPPER HUALLAGA ARE NOW PLANNED. WE HAVE BEGUN A SERIES OF VISITS AND STUDIES OF COCA-GROWING AREAS AND PLAN TO DEVELOP SOME SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.
F.- UMOPAR.- THE RURAL PATROL UNIT (UMOPAR) HAS COUNTRY WIDE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBLITY. THUS FAR THE UNIT HAS OPERATED ONLY IN THE UPPER HUALLAFA AND ITS AREA OF INFLUENCE. WITH AN INCREASE IN PERSONNEL DOUBLING THE UNIT FROM 75 TO 150 MEN BY THE ENO OF THIS YEAR, WE FORESEE THAT THE UMOPAR WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE OPERATIONS COUNTRY WIDE, FOCUSING INITIALLY ON AYACUCHO. WE WOULD ASLO PLAN TO USE THE UNIT TO SUPPRESS AT AN EARLY STAGE ANY NEW COCA CULTIVATION DETECTED IN NEW GORWING AREAS. THE RESOURCES FOR THE UNIT TO OPERATE ON A BROADER SCALE THAN IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA WILL BE ALMOST TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON OUR ASSISTANCE FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND OPERATION EXPENSES.
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